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SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION

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1. IN A 40-MINUTE ORAL PRESENTATION BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT APRIL 12, TOWNLEY LAWYER FERNANDO RIVERA CHARGED THAT GOC POLICE OFFICIALS EXCEEDED THEIR AUTHORITY IN EXPELLING HIS CLIENT BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD AND CALLED FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE TO LOOK INTO THE "ILLEGALITY" OF THE ACTION. RIVERA ALSO NOTED THE OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANT FROM THE CONCEPCION APPEALS COURT -- WHICH HE SAID SHOULD HAVE RULED OUT ANY EXPULSION OF TOWNLEY -- AND THE FUTILE TELEPHONIC EFFORTS OF SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA EYZAGUIRRE TO STAY THE EXPULSION ACTION UNTIL THE COURT COULD RULE ON THE REQUEST FOR A STAY OF EXPULSION ORDER. RIVERA ALSO CHARGED THAT FBI AGENTS HAD MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE ON TOWNLEY AND EVEN TAPPED HIS, RIVERA'S, PHONE. ON THE DINA CONNECTION, RIVERA STATED THAT IT WAS TRUE THAT TOWNLEY HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE GOC SECURITY SERVICES, THAT BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE HAD FREQUENTLY TRAVELED IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON

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PHONY DOCUMENTATION AND THAT THIS WAS KNOWN BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. ROARED RIVERA: "LET US NOT HAVE THEM (THE GOC) NOW PRETEND TO BE DEAF AND BLIND". THE COURT TOOK RIVERA'S ARGUMENT UNDER STUDY AND A DECISION IS EXPECTED SOON.

2. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGACIONES, CARLOS ARANDA

TOLD NEWSMEN APRIL 12 THAT THE RESULTS OF ITS INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXPULSION WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SUPREME COURT "WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS." ARANDA IS QUOTED BY "EL MERCURIO" AS SAYING THAT TOWNLEY ASKED TO BE EXPELLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UPON LEARNING OF THE IMPENDING GOC EXPULSION ACTION; WHILE "LA TERCERA", REPORTING A TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH TOWNLEY'S WIFE, MARIANA CALLEJAS (NOW IN THE U.S.), STATES THAT TOWNLEY DENIES ANY SUCH REQUEST.

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